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Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for a 3-month extension of time within which to respond to the Office Action dated 06/25/2009, such extension allowing the undersigned until 12/25/2009 to respond.

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